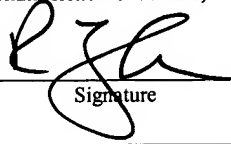




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In re patent application of:

Wu et al.

Serial No.: 10/027,833

Filed: December 21, 2001

Invention: System and Method for Updating  
BIOS for a Multiple-Node  
Computer System

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 21, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up

to and including February 22, 2005. Applicants note that February 21, 2005 was Presidents Day

and that February 22, 2005 was the first business day following February 21, 2005. A fee in the amount of \$520.00 for a one-month extension of time and an additional claims fee is included. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 016295.0730) of Baker Botts L.L.P. for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response.

**Fee for Additional Claims**

As a result of the amendments below, additional claims are added to this application. The fee for this claim is calculated below:

Fee Calculation					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims:	26	- 30 =	0	x \$50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims:	6	- 4 =	2	x \$200 =	\$ 400.00
Total Additional Claims Fee =					\$ 400.00